

Attention DPH:

As a pediatrician, I have administered thousands upon thousands of doses of vaccine over my 27+ year career. My small pediatric office can barely find medical assistants, let alone nurses, to staff our needs and nurses have become prohibitively expensive. The physicians have been giving all vaccines over the course of our 13 year existence (I founded Village Pediatrics LLC 13 years ago with a partner.) However, with the increasing need for vaccination (COVID19) and the nurse shortage, our physicians have been overwhelmed with work getting our patients vaccinated for COVID19 and up to date on all vaccines.

As a PCMH we prefer to provide vaccines in our office. However, without the ability to use MAs (with supervision) to help us vaccinate we are limited in our ability to more fully serve the vaccine needs of our pediatric population.

I strongly urge you to approve the bill allowing our medical assistants, with training and supervision, to administer vaccines.

Thank you,

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